WHEREAS, it is one of the responsibilities of the Mayor of the City of Westerville to recognize occasions of outstanding significance; and

WHEREAS, the effects of COVID-19 have negatively impacted our Westerville area businesses and restaurants; and

WHEREAS, local business is integral to the growth and longevity of our community; and

WHEREAS, the strength of local business is dependent on the support of the community and the Westerville Area Chamber, Uptown Westerville, Inc. and Westerville Uptown Merchants Association tirelessly promotes and supports these businesses and restaurants, especially as we transition to our "new normal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor of the City of Westerville, Ohio, do hereby proclaim Saturday, June 6, 2020 as

"WESTERVILLE COMMERCE DAY"

in Westerville and encourage all citizens of our Westerville community to visit your favorite stores, eat or order out and show our local businesses and restaurants that Westerville is "re-open for business" and encourage all businesses and restaurants to take part in the day, be it in your storefront or online. Consider doing a ribbon cutting celebrating the "re-grand opening" of your establishment and invite your valued customers to come back.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my seal to be affixed this 2nd day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.

Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor